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- At the two shafts of Object 90 located in Lichtenberg and Schmirchau, production has been outpacing disposal to such an extent that it has been necessary to extend the shaft perimeters to accommodate the huge dumps of ore which are accumulating on the surface. To alleviate the congestion, production has been slowed down, and plans for further development of the two shafts have been temporarily postponed. Some 400 workers have been transferred from the shafts to Object 2 in Oberschlema.
- All of the current output of the two shafts consists of low grade material of two qualities known locally as Sorte II and Sorte III which is removed from the shaft dumps as required and sent via Ronneburg to the concentration plant, Object 101, Zwickau-Crossen. No high-grade ore (Kistenerz) is mined at either of the shafts.
- At the Ronneburg railroad station there are two Wismut loading ramps, from which ore is transferred from ZIS dump trucks to open railroad cars (Runnenwagen). The total loading capacity of the ramps is approximately 30 railroad cars per 8-hour shift; three shifts are worked daily. Every effort is being made to work the ramps to full capacity, and thus reduce the volume of the Lichtenberg and Schmirchau dumps. The destination of all ore trains departing from Ronneburg is Zwickau-Crossen. They travel without military escort.
- At Paitzdorf a new disposal shaft (Foerderschacht) is being constructed by Object 29 which is intended to link underground with Shaft Schmirchau and afford a fresh outlet for material mined there. Object 29 is also conducting a thorough survey of the whole Lichtenberg-Schmirchau-Paitzdorf-Reust area and is using 25 mobile drilling rigs for the purpose. Core samples are submitted to the headquarters of Object 90 in Gera.

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5. At the new Object 90 opencast workings in Gauern, excavations are under way at 6 main sites which cover an area approximately 1 km. long and 50 to 100 m. wide. Work is confined to exposing the ore-bearing shale which lies at a depth of 5 to 8 meters; no effort is made to exploit the shale once it has been exposed. Topsoil, clay, and sandstone which cover the shale are loosened by shot-firing and removed by mechanical grab. All material channelled to the waste dump is checked by a GM counter to insure that the grabs are not digging too deeply and taking in active material with the surface waste.
6. The leading Russian personalities engaged on the Gauern project are (phonetic spelling):  
Schachtleiter in charge of the project - Kalita  
Deputy Chief and Planning Engineer - Moshnin.
7. On the east side of Bahnhof Gauern, a concrete ore loading ramp is being built by a construction department of Object 11. It is approximately 45 m. long and is approached from a road adjacent to the rail bridge on the Gauern-Linda road. The rail track, alongside which the ramp is located, connects with the station sidings.
8. New administration buildings have recently been erected near the entrance to the Object 90 dispatch bunkers at Truenzig. German employees of Wismut believe that the Thuringen headquarters of Object 11 will shortly move to this location from their present accommodations in Ronneburg.
9. New Wismut identity cards (Ausweise) were issued during the first week in May and are valid from 1. May 1954 till 31 December 1954.

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